Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the amended paragraph:

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[0037] The stitching attachment between straps is further identified in FIG. 9. The edges 110 of adjoining straps are brought together and a stitch 118 is used to secure the edges together. The figure depicts a distance between the opposing edges 110 for purposes of illustration only. In application, the edges 110 are brought together. Further, the type of stitching pattern utilized will be dependent upon the application. When the straps are laid ~~side-by-side~~ side-by-side, or edge-to-edge, or adjacent to one another, then they are said to be abutting one another. In the preferred embodiment, the stitching pattern is a zig-zag pattern. However, other stitch patterns may be used ~~ad~~ and dictated by the specific situation.

~~Please replace paragraph [0042] with the amended paragraph:~~

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[0042] Addressing FIG. 11, the circumferential strap assembly 138 is shown. There are two such assemblies,~~a~~ first and second circumferential strap assemblies, and one assembly fits to each end of the radial strap assembly discussed above. The straps used in the circumferential strap assembly have opposing ends as identified in FIG. 7 and are referred to here as elongated circumferential straps 140. Each circumferential strap 140 has a different length from the other straps. This is due to the fact that the circumferential straps 140 are positioned to form substantially a half sphere when laid edge to edge.

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[0045] To further illustrate this point, FIG. 13 shows the assembled flexible restraint layer 146. In this illustration, the guides 144 are disposed at intervals on the surface of the radial strap assembly 114 and the circumferential strap assemblies 138. The ~~selves~~ guides ~~are~~ 144 are sewn into place. The axial straps 142 fit within the guides 144. At both ends